

Workshop 3 -- Action Categories

Workshop Overview

What We Have Done

Over the last several months, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff have been working to develop a comprehensive definition of the problems to be addressed in the Bay-Delta system and the objectives to be accomplished by potential solutions. This work has included a review of problems and objectives identified during previous projects (Bay-Delta Oversight Council, The San Francisco Estuary Project, CVPIA, etc.), consultation with CALFED agencies, and input from public forums and presentations.

At the first public workshop on August 3, participants listed problems and concerns related to the four main issue areas: Water Quality, Ecosystem Quality, Water Supply, and System Vulnerability. At the second workshop, September 14, participants reviewed and refined the problem definition and the objectives statements. The revised problem and objective statements are included in this packet.

Workshop Activities

At Workshop 3, we will begin identifying potential actions to meet the program objectives and resolve the identified problems. Program staff will be conducting small group discussions to identify potential action categories and discuss which actions can effectively meet several objectives.

A key consideration for workshop participants is the level of detail of objectives and action categories to be discussed. Because Phase 1 of the Bay-Delta Program focuses on identifying promising alternatives at a "programmatic" level of detail, the workshop discussion will focus on "primary"

objectives and "action categories." Primary objectives are the first level of objectives within a problem area, e.g., "Improve and increase aquatic habitats" for Ecosystem Quality (see enclosed objectives statements). Action categories are general descriptions of types of actions that could be taken. We have enclosed preliminary description of some action categories to indicate the expected level of detail for discussion. We will be providing a more complete list of potential action categories to guide the workshop discussion. Please review the primary objectives and the enclosed list to begin your thinking of what action categories help meet each primary objective.

Program staff will also be presenting preliminary information at the workshop about the next step in the planning process and Workshop 4.

Next Steps

The action category lists developed in Workshop 3 will be refined and developed by Program staff and grouped into bundles (sets of action categories that are joined to meet objectives). The objectives developed in Workshop 2 will be further developed into a set of performance measures for discussion at Workshop 4. Performance measures will be used to evaluate and compare the effectiveness of potential solutions. Preliminary solution alternatives will be developed for discussion at Workshop 5 in December.